

REMARKS

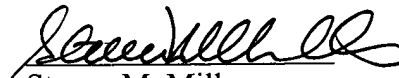
Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Markvoot, *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 4,802,152) or Shaw, *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 5,917,914). In view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks, the rejections are respectfully traversed, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

It is noted that claims 6-7 are allowed. It is further noted that claims 2-4 and 10-11 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The applicant notes that the Office Action states at page 2, paragraph 4, that claim 2 is rejected. Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3, and claim 3 is cancelled. Independent claim 8 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 10, and claim 10 is cancelled. It is believed that independent claims 1 and 8 and dependent claims 2, 4, 5, 9 and 11 are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-9 is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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